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**DATE:** June 5, 2009

**TO:** Businesses, Industry, and the General Public

**FROM:** Fairfax County Office of the Fire Marshal

**SUBJECT:** Fire Marshal Fee Changes Effective July 1, 2009

Effective July 1, 2009, revisions to Chapter 61 (Building Provisions) and Chapter 62 (Fire Protection) of the Fairfax County Code will take effect, increasing certain fire marshal fees. Fees increased by these revisions include the base fee for Fire Prevention Division (FPD) construction permits, fees for plan reviews and inspections performed outside business hours, and Fire Prevention Code Permit fees. These revisions were approved by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on Monday, April 27, 2009. The fee changes are as follows:

### **Base Fee for FPD Construction Permits**

The base fee for fire alarm, fire suppression, and fire lane construction permits (FPD permits) will increase from \$65 to \$85 for each permit.

### **Building Code-Related Plan Reviews & Inspections Performed Outside Business Hours**

Plan reviews and fire protection systems acceptance inspections/tests may be performed outside business hours upon request at the sole discretion of the Office of the Fire Marshal. Fees for these plan reviews and acceptance inspections/tests shall be assessed at twice the regular hourly rate listed for “Plan Review Fees,” “Acceptance Testing & Inspection Fees,” and “Reinspection Fees” found in Section 61-1-3(d)(3) of the Fairfax County Code. Fees shall be assessed in 30-minute increments. The current hourly rate for building code-related plan reviews and inspections is \$128.

**Note:** The after-hours inspection fee listed in Section 61-1-3(d)(1)(A)(4) of the Fairfax County Code no longer applies to fire marshal fees for fire alarm, fire suppression, and fire lane permits.

### **Fire Prevention Code-Related Inspections Performed Outside Business Hours**

In accordance with Section 109.6 of the Fire Prevention Code (as amended by Fairfax County), inspections related to the enforcement of the Fire Prevention Code may be performed outside business hours at the sole discretion of the Office of the Fire Marshal. Fees for these inspections shall be assessed at twice the rate listed under Table 107.2 (Fee Schedule). Fees shall be assessed in 30-minute increments. The current hourly rate for fire prevention code-related inspections is \$128.

### **Fire Prevention Code Permit (FPCP) Fees**

The cost for a Fire Prevention Code Permit will increase to \$125 except for the following:

- Explosives: Use, Each Site or Location (6 Month Permit) .....\$150



- Explosives: Transportation, Each Vehicle (6 Month Permit) .....\$65
- Explosives: Approved Overnight Storage (1 Day Permit) .....\$500
- Flammable/Combustible Liquids: Bulk Storage Facility (100,000+ Gallons) .....\$500
- Flammable/Combustible Liquids: Manufacture, Process, Blend, or Refine .....\$250
- Floor Finishing/Surfacing Using Flammable/Combustible Liquids (350+ ft<sup>2</sup>) .....\$65
- Hot Work/Welding: Public Exhibitions & Demonstrations (10 Day Permit) .....\$65
- Hot Work/Welding: Paint Removal with Torch/Open Flame (30 Day Permit) .....\$65
- Open-Flame/Candles: Public Meetings/Gatherings, Groups A and E (Each Event).....\$65
- Fireworks: Retail Sales of Permissible Fireworks, Any Amount (45 Day Permit) .....\$600
- Fireworks: Wholesale of Permissible Fireworks, Any Amount (45 Day Permit) .....\$600
- Fireworks: Outdoor Aerial/Proximate Audience Fireworks Display (1 Day Permit) .....\$400
- Fireworks: Indoor Pyrotechnic Display and Special Effects (1 Day Permit) .....\$400

For a complete list of Fire Prevention Code Permit (FPCP) requirements and fees, please go to:  
[http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr/prevention/fmpublications/fpcp\\_codelist.pdf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr/prevention/fmpublications/fpcp_codelist.pdf)

For a complete list of current fire marshal fees, consult the online fire marshal fee schedule at:  
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr/prevention/fmfees.htm>

If you have any about questions fire marshal fees, please contact the Revenue & Records Branch at **703-246-4803**, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sincerely,

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